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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2024

- 12/04—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 12/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 12/07—Saturday—Annual Installation of Officers—5:00 PM
- 12/12—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 12/14—Saturday—Holiday Party at CVMC—11:30 AM
- 12/17—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 12/19—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 12/21—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 12/26—Thursday—DARK

JANUARY 2025

- 01/01—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 01/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Meatloaf)—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 01/09—Thursday—1st Degree Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/18—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 01/23—Thursday—1st Degree—7:00 PM
- 01/28—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 01/30—Thursday—Masonic Family Potluck—6:00 PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ Castro Valley DeMolay meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- ◆ Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
- ◆ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Hayward Masonic Center
- ◆ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

From the East

By Andrew Hawes —Master

With this article, my year serving as Worshipful Master comes to an end. How I have done over the past 12 months is something that each of you will judge for yourselves, but I have tried to fulfill my obligation to keep the lodge running, to rule and govern the lodge with regularity and be available to aid and assist all of our brothers, and I can leave feeling satisfied that I have done my best to achieve that.

I hope that if my time leading the lodge has left an impression on you, it is a positive one. I hope that some of my words written here may have led you to possibly changing something in your life for the better. Even more so, I hope that they have led you to changing something for someone else to make their lives better.



Remember when you do good works in the world, you help to push the balance to the right side of the scale. Commit yourself to the right things. Dedicate yourself to trying to improve yourself and improve the world. This is what Masonry is all about.

Be well, my brothers. Be kind, be happy, and be aware that you are a positive force in the world... and the world needs more of those.

From the West

By Lyman Penning, PM — Sr. Warden

As the year 2024 is winding down and 2025 is getting ready to start, I wish to thank the lodge for electing me as Worshipful Master for 2025. I would like to announce some of my events for next year.

There are four brothers who are waiting to receive their Golden Veterans Award which I received on Saturday, November 23rd.

Two of these brethren will be awarded with the GVA's on February 8th, 2025. The other two will receive theirs on June 14th, 2025.



I am planning to hold a visitation to Mariposa where we will raise a candidate to Master Mason which will be held from Friday, October 3rd, 2025 to Sunday, October 5th, 2025. I have spoken to one of the members of Mariposa Lodge and received the phone numbers of the brother who will



be Worshipful Master of that lodge in 2025. So, go ahead and mark your calendars for the first weekend in October 2025.

There are other activities and events that have been placed on the Crow Canyon Lodge #551 Installation Program. My hope for 2025 is to have a year that has a number of enjoyable events to give us a wonderful time.

Finally, if you are planning to attend our December 7, 2024 Installation, try to get your Prime Rib reservations into Perry Klahr at (925) 699 - 1786 by November 30, 2024, so that Roy Tamez and his crew will have enough time to get everything needed for a great dinner following the Installation.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Hope to see all of you at the December Stated Meeting and Dinner.

From the South

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Jr. Warden

Brethren:

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2025!

December is named after the Latin word “decem” for ten or tenth as December was originally the tenth month of the Roman calendar, which was revised in later years. The month of December marks the Winter Solstice or the first day of Winter (also the shortest day of the year) in the Northern Hemisphere. In 2024, that event occurs on December 21st.



In closing, as this is my last article for 2024 as the Junior Warden for CCL No. 551, I wish to thank all of those individuals that supported me in this position in 2024. It was an unforgettable experience for me.

Having served as the Junior Warden this year, I can now claim that I have held all of the five top offices in the Officer's line at CCL No. 551 (Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master).

Seasons Greetings and have a wonderful and event filled Holiday.



Bethel No. 1 Dublin

Hello from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin

The Bethel has been busy this past month. They had a Halloween Party where three potential members attended & they're JD to Bee. The girls had fun painting ceramic pumpkins, decorating cookies & playing Pictionary.

Next we participated at a Truck or Treat at Las Positas College in Livermore. We decorated our car, passed out candy & give about 50 promotion cards to girls & families. On October 26th, the Bethel traveled to Bethel No. 2, Reno to attend the reception for Miss Nevada. This will be their last Miss Nevada since Bethel 2, Reno is now a part of California Grand Guardian Council. In December we have planned a surprise breakfast, Holiday Party, Church Service & Initiation. Bethel Daughters are encouraged to invite their friends to all our activities.

Grand Guardian Council was held in Modesto this year. It has taken us 100 years to give Daughters the right to vote on their adult leaders and amendments for the very first time! We are proud of these Daughters for attending the session and participating in this new process. In the past, only Past Bethel Guardians, Past Associate Bethel Guardians and Executive Council Members Guardians were allowed to vote at Grand Guardian Council.

Members are 10 to 20 years old with the opportunity for younger girls to join our Bee Hive and become JD to Bees. If you would like more information on attending our activities or joining our Bethel please contact us at our Bethel email: Bethel1@cajdi.org.

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season!

Denise Jow, PGG

December Birthdays

William Biddell (12/03)	Ronnie Castia (12/19)
Eric Unti (12/04)	Clarence Teeters (12/22)
Verl Rothlisberger (12/05)	John Gordon (12/24)
Dave Baratto (12/06)	J Rafisura (12/24)
Jesse Bridgeman (12/07)	Joshua Pritchard (12/27)
Gilbert Brownfield (12/13)	Alex Von Stade II (12/27)
Blain Deaton (12/14)	Kanti Patel (12/29)
Jacob Herrick (12/15)	



3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of December

Fred Avery [PM] (40) Scott West (12)

Sunshine and Visiting

We would like to remind you of a valuable link in the support of our Lodge; the 'Sunshine Committee'.

The Sunshine Committee will spread rays of warmth to those around them through hospital visitations, visits to the elderly, welcoming and get well gifts, and more.



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Bethel #1 Dublin ~ Job's Daughters Invites you to our Bethel's Fundraiser

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In Memoriam

Jack R. Tornio 89 years and 4 months
Entered into Rest June 17, 2022

Jose Zamora 80 years, 2 months, and 1 day
Entered into Rest March 1, 2024

Le Roy Swanson 93 years, 2 months, and 6 days
Entered into Rest October 23, 2024

Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers



Winter Solstice : A Lecture with Manly P. Hall

<https://youtu.be/XgssXrepkrq?si=DWIKNHNCy8ojeazo>

Today, we are worshipping, recognizing, and reviving one of the most ancient beliefs of mankind: the annual birthday of the Sun. This has been regarded with sacredness from time immemorial. There is no people anywhere that has not passed through some phase of solar symbolism in their philosophies, sciences, and theologies. It has dominated all the arts and has become involved in all harmonic theories of music. The annual birthday of the Sun is the most celebrated and sacred of all festivals.

Throughout the world, we find records of it everywhere because it represents to the average believer the annual restoration of life. It becomes a symbol of the grand resurrection in which all things, in all conditions and all types of existence, come finally to the great redemption, to the restoration, to the lifting up of all life from darkness to light. It is obvious that this belief originated in the northern hemisphere because all of the calculations, symbolisms, and devices involved in the rites are obviously related to a Sun motion from the Lord to the northern hemisphere of light.



So here, somewhere, maybe in India, maybe in China, this concept regained its primitive acceptance. But very early in primitive times, when life was nothing but savagery in the world, men feared darkness and lived only in light. At night, darkness was a terror, and day

was a resurrection and a relief. All of these facts, principles, and ideas have come down to us in our modern philosophies, modern religions, and even to the attack of our modern sciences because so much of knowledge has been based upon an astronomical mystery: the mystery of the calendar, the mystery of time and of days, the cycles of years, the feasts, and various rituals attendant upon various seasons of the year, the harvest, the planting. All of these things were controlled by a fixed system of religion.

All the good things of Earth come from one good thing, which is life itself. Now, the Sun in its beginnings came to be understood or recognized as synonymous with life. That which the Sun represented was alive. The Sun was alive, and because it was alive, it could give life, propagate life, restore life, and revive the lives and things that were fading or failing. The Sun was basically life, and this life was the common property of us all. The great

benefit, the immense gift, the unchallenged mightiness upon which we all depend, from the tiniest atom to the greatest star, light is a symbol of the presence of life.

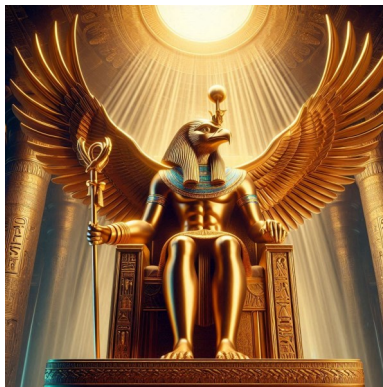
Therefore, this light is a promise. It tells us something that we must all come to understand: that this light is not something that came from nothing. It is not something which has suddenly lived in some generation or age. It was eternal. Therefore, life is eternal. Immortality is a certainty. Growth is inevitable for all good things. All the revelations are based upon the immediate, inevitable, and eternal presence of light.

Life is, therefore, very sacred. As we witness its descent to all orders of creation, we find that it comes to be shared with human beings. There is life in us, and this life within us has built its tabernacle of flesh. It is this inner light that moves all parts of outer life because, without this light's tremendous power, all futility would continue hopelessly.

Therefore, we must understand the importance of life. Every scripture in the world has told us to protect life. It has warned us not to destroy life, or the houses it builds, but to cooperate with it. Within this light, we will also find all the laws of light. These laws are the commandments, the ways, the principles, and the methods by which light accomplishes its perfect works.

To damage or destroy the channels of light, or the channels of life, is a serious crime against eternity. We must also remember that the religions of mankind have a foundation in nature worship. Our nature worship is not exactly what we sometimes think of in terms of nature cults. Nature worship is the adoration of the realities of things. It is to look upon the vast breadth and depths of existence with gratitude, humble wonder, and a deep and abiding resolution to learn the lessons of Light and Life. In time, we may become useful and valuable servants in this house of eternal intelligence.

All religions have had their life cults. These life cults highlight gods who are all love gods. They are deities that protect, preserve, elevate, lift up, and redeem every form of life in nature. Among the most interesting of these light gods and life gods was Horus, the beloved son of Osiris, the god of the Egyptians.



Want to learn more?

Follow the link at the beginning of the article to hear the whole Masonic Lecture re-mastered from the original recording.

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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Anchorage, AK; Sarasota, FL; Los Angeles, CA; Hyderabad, India; Miami, FL; Jakarta, Indonesia; Princeton, NJ, New York, NY



Committees

2024 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

Breakfast with Brothers: Brian Ross, Bill Biddell, Phil Busch

Car Show: Brian Ross, Robert Johnson, Justin Ortiz, Phil Busch, Ray Weatley

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross

Executive Committee: Lyman Penning PM HA, Alexander Van Stade PM, Andrew Hawes PM, Perry Klahr

FOSJ and White Table Night: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Inter-lodge Relations: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez Pat Quinn, Robert Johnson, Eric Korbas, Blain Deaton, Ray Weatley, Bill Biddell

Masonic Hall Association: President (TBD)

Membership Retention: Lyman Penning, Alex Von Stade, Perry Klahr, Ron Reynolds

Picnic: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross, Dan Schauer

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell, H.A.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas, Brendan Korbas, Roy Tamez

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Robert Johnson, Bill Biddell, Brian Canton

Sunshine and Visiting: Robert Eckstein

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch

Trustees: Robert Logan, Brian Ross, Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Adam Korbas

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Bill Ferrell, Adam Brissey

White Table Night: Perry Klahr, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

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December 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4 Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM	5 Stated Meeting Social/Dinner 6:15 PM Business 7:30 PM	6	7 Annual Installation of Officers—5:00 PM
8	9	10	11	12 Degree or Prac- tice 7:00 PM	13	14 Holiday Party @ CVMC—11:30 AM
15	16	17 Zoom Social 7:00 PM	18	19 Degree or Prac- tice 7:00 PM	20	21 Breakfast w/ Brothers @ Norman's, CV 8:00 AM
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